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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
DEAN et al. )  
Serial No. 09/514,113 ) Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson  
Filed: February 28, 2000 ) Art Unit: 1634  
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING ) Confirmation No.: 9257  
ARTIFACTS IN NUCLEIC )  
ACID AMPLIFICATION )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 26, 2006, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

**A Listing of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

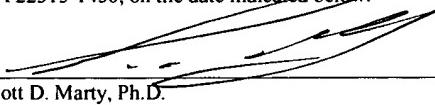
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